

SAFETY BULLETIN

SB01-027 HALLOWEEN SAFETY

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Each year at Halloween, children are injured by automobile accidents, fires, falls, and poisoned by treats. Parents should review these safety recommendations with their children to assure that children have a fun and safe Halloween.

Children Should:

- Cross only at corners.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Always remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Never go into a stranger's house.
- Carry and use a flashlight.

Parents Should:

- Know the route their children will be taking.
- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.
- Set time limits on when children should return home.
- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Instruct children **NOT** to eat treats until they return home and parents have had a chance to inspect those treats.
- Ensure the child eats before they go trick-or-treating.

Costumes Should:

- Be made of flame retardant material.
- Be made of bright material, or hang reflector strips on the costume, so that they can be seen.
- Not include high heel shoes or long dangling articles that a child may trip over.

Motorists Should:

- Drive cautiously on Halloween Eve.
- Be alert for youngsters who may forget safety rules and dart out in front of your car from the curb or from between parked cars.

Residents Should:

- Remove all obstacles from their lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured.
- Have a well lighted home, both inside and out, to prevent vandalism and to prevent injuries to small children.
- Never allow animals around trick-or-treaters.

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween.